



Memorandum

TO: Common Council *CK BT*
FROM: Greg Keil, CDD, Brian Tungate, PRD
DATE: April 15, 2009
RE: NOAA Coastal Marine Habitat Restoration Project Grant Application

Notice of the availability of grant funds from the above referenced source came to our attention late in the week of March 22 with an application deadline of April 6. Staff, with the assistance of Natural Resource Consulting, Inc., compiled and submitted a grant application for the Fox River Gilbert Mill Fish Passage/Habitat Restoration Project.

This project was developed within the criteria established by the grant program guidelines and consists of:

- Removal of structural fish barriers and reopening 950 feet of the Lawson Canal to accommodate fish passage
- Stabilization and naturalization of the shoreline
- Enhance adult and juvenile fish habitat and spawning areas
- Creation of a riverwalk, fishing platform and whitewater recreation amenities
- Installation of interpretive signs and creation of an outdoor classroom

Approximately \$2.5 million in federal funds was requested, with a local contribution of approximately \$300,000 from private sources and in-kind contributions. The timetable for implementation of the project commences in May of 2009, and extends through November 2010. The NOAA grant funds are part of the broader federal economic stimulus package, and are intended to create employment opportunities in the immediate future, hence the accelerated timetable.